(b) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen press reports alleging spurioua Television sets being sold under welf brand names.

(b) To discourage the sale of spurious Television sets which result in loss of revenue, Government has recently imposed excise duty (and equivalent countervailing duty) of Rs_v 600 on all Colour Television picture tubes and Rs. 150 on Black. and White Television picture tubes above 36 cm. screen size.

Import duty on gift parcels

1976. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to stater

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have totally exempted thegift Parcels coming from abroadfrom the payment of import duty;

(b) if, so, the upper value limitfixed by the Government;

(c) whether it is proposed that asa matter of export promotion. Gov.ernment propose to extend this dutyfree concession to small value tradesamples received from abroad; and

<d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Bonafide gifts, excluding! alcoholic drinks, not exceeding Rs. 200 in value imported by post as airfreight are free of import duty.

(c) and (d) Two units each of bonafide commercial samples or prototypes of goods upto a, value of Rs. 200 when imported into India by post or by air by manufacturers of export goods are exempt from the import duty. Further, commercial samples upto Rs. ljQOO in "value, imported as personal baggage by bona-fide commercial travellers or by post or air and prototypes of engineering goods up to Rs. 1000 in value import-• ed for executing or for securing export orders are, exempt from duty subject to certain specified conditions. Prototypes of engineering goods exceeding Rs. 1000 in value are per. mitted on re-export basis.

Scheme for funding the installation of TV transmitters

1977. SHRI SHANKAERAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH- Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration tp allow the State Governments, the Public Sector Undertakings, Cooperatives and private organisations to fund the installation of TV transmitters in their areas;

(b)- if so, what are the details Of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to erect a TV transmitter at MAN-MAD under the above-mentioned scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Such a scheme already exists.

(b) A copy of the scheme givingnecesary details is attached as Statement. (See below)

(c) No such offer has been received by the Government.

Statement

Details *of the scheme for* funding the installation *of TV relay transmitters* by *State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings. Cooperatives, private Institutions, etc. in uncovered parts of the country*

Frequent requests are being received from Members Of Parliament and others for setting up TV trans mitters in areas where it has not so far been possible to provide TV service. With the completion of VE Plan schemes, TV service will be available to about 70 per cent of the country's population and the coverage is exr pected to increase to 80 per cent by the end of the VII Plan. With a view to bridging the coverage gap, at least to some extent, it has been decided to invite the State Govern-mens, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Private institutions, etc. to come forward for funding installation of TV relay transmitters in their respective uncovered areas, sub. ject to the following conditions: —

(d) the ownership of the TV] transmitter will vest in Doordarshan;

(ii) the transmitter will be operated and maintained by Door-darshan; and

(iii) programmes to be transmitted by such transmitters will be decided exclusively by Do. crdarshan.

The essential capital ancT nonrecurring costs of setting up a low power (100 W) TV relay transmitter (LPT) with a service range of about 25 kms and a (2x10 W) very low power TV relay transmitter (VLPT) with a service range of about 8 kms are estimated to be Rs. 37. 05 lakhs and Rs. 31. 00 lakhs respectively, at current prices. - The VLPTs will be generally unmanned and operated on solar power. If the State Government/Union Territory Administration or any other agency is interested in having TV transmitters set up under Hiis scheme, the necessary paymen* will have to be' made in -advance-through a bank draft in the name of "Pay & Accounts Officer (TV), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi" which may be forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief, Doordar. shan, Doordarshan Bhavan, Coperni-. cue Marg, New Delhi. Any escalation in the cost of equipment until completion of installation will also have to be deposited. Further, the State Government/Union Territory Ad. ministration or any other funding agency will have to provide to Door-• darshan, free of cost. a suitable site, building and, in the case of a 100 W transmitter, also staff quarters for about 9^1 officials. The recurring expenditure for operation and main-. tenance of such a transmitter including salary of staff, etc. will, however, • be borhe by the Central Government (Doordarshan).

Action to instal a transmitter under this scheme will be undertaken by Doordarshan only after receipt of information about the payment of j the amount 'mentioned above. Installation of transmitters under this scheme will also depend on the availability of ' frequency channels for operation.

Fourth Pay Commission's recommenda-tions in regard to the AH India Services

1978. SHRI AJIT P. K. 'jOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased testate:

(a)'whether there are any recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission in regard to the All India Services with which Government had not agreed;

(to) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for Gov-ernment's decision to disagree with the Commission's recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 1 THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDI-' TURK IN THE MINISTRY OF